

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Pupils have had a really busy few weeks at school. We have been dodging the spring rain and trying to get outside as much as possible. The daily mile is going extremely well for all pupils – 20 minutes of exercise each day is a really good way to maintain a healthy lifestyle and build good habits for the future. We have been delighted with the pupils' enthusiasm and dedication to this; alongside their normal PE sessions, swimming and the amazing 'House' matches that have been taking place this week.

We are always proud to be involved in lots of the work that is going on at Wardown Park. In June we will see further development of the arboretum and wild meadow that our Eco-Club worked on. As well as the creation of a bespoke park bench designed by the Arts Award pupils at our school. Please look out for all of these things when you visit the park. Best wishes to you all for a brilliant half term, David Sansom.

Parent Consultation Meetings

After half term we have arranged specific days for you to meet your child's class teacher with each year group being allocated a day. Letters to parents with further information will be sent home week commencing 7th June. Please note the dates below.

30th June 2021 Year 1
1st July 2021 Year 6
5th July 2021 Year 2 and Year 3
6th July 2021 Year 5
7th July 2021 EYFS
8th July 2021 Year 4

Goodbye

When we return after the half term holiday we will be saying goodbye to Asma Begum. Asma is a teaching assistant in our EYFS and has been at River Bank since 2014. Asma has supported many of our pupils when they were in EYFS and is moving away to get married, we will miss her tremendously but wish her good luck for the future.

Welcome

We have welcomed Charlotte Brown who has been appointed as a new teacher in EYFS and will be teaching Dragonfly Class. Charlotte brings a lot of experience to EYFS and we wish her well in joining the River Bank team.

Eco Club

Our Eco-club have recently been planting wildflower seeds and have begun a project to reduce the amount of single use plastic, here at River Bank. The children are also getting excited for their visit from Hornbeam Hedgehog Sanctuary and an indoor camp.

Year 2 Visit to Whipsnade Zoo

Last week year two visited Whipsnade Zoo. The children and staff enjoyed a full day of seeing animals in the sun! The main focus of the day was to see African animals, which they had learnt about in class.



Follow us on Facebook - River Bank Primary



Follow us on Twitter @riverbankluton

Circus

Circus tickets sold out very quickly when they went on sale last week. Should there be a government announcement on the 14th June that removes certain COVID restrictions; we will be able to sell more tickets. This will be announced by text message; including arrangements on where and when to purchase them.

Luton Foodbank Just Giving Page in Memory of Louise Marsden

Luton Foodbank Just Giving Page in memory of Louise, has now reached over a £1000. THANK YOU. Donations can still be made to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/inmemoryofLouiseMarsden/3>

COVID-19

We must continue to do our 'bit' to protect our community. At River Bank Primary we will continue to expect parents, carers and visitors to the school to wear face masks while on the school premises, unless exempt. We also expect parents/carers to use the one way system we have in place (including when dropping off and picking up from before and after school clubs).

Don't forget -

Hands – wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds

Face – wear a [face covering](#) where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

Space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with

Fresh air – when meeting people, to do so outside

Self-isolate at home With the increase of the new variant it is worth remembering that if you live, work or study in Luton the local authority are [encouraging you to get tested twice a week](#), which is free of charge. It is possible to have the virus without experiencing any symptoms. We would also like to remind parents that if a family or household member shows any COVID 19 symptoms all the household should stay at home (isolate), until a negative PCR test result has been received and the school notified.

Finally

There will always be someone available to contact at school. We will answer your calls and respond to all emails to info@riverbankprimary.org. Please know that you can contact us for anything at all. We will do everything in our power to support our families. Please also remember to use this email to report any positive cases of coronavirus in your family over weekends.

Dates for your diary

Friday 28 th May 2021	School finishes for half term holiday
Monday 7 th June 2021	Children return to school.
Wed 9 th June – Sunday 13 th June	Year 6 PGL residential to Isle of Wight
Friday 18 th June – Sunday 20 th June	Year 4 Kingswood residential to Norfolk
Wednesday 23 rd June 2021	Circus
Monday 28 th June 2021	Year 5 Legoland visit
Wednesday 30 th June 2021	EYFS Fun Day – details will be sent home soon
5 th -7 th July 2021	Year 6 CSI workshop – details will be sent home soon
Tuesday 6 th July 2021	Year 4 Go Ape trip
Wednesday 7 th July 2021	Year 1 Mead Open Farm – details will be sent home soon
Thursday 8 th July 2021	Year 2 Clacton on Sea seaside trip – details will be sent home soon
Tuesday 13 th July 2021	Year 3 Herring Green Farm Falconry Centre visit (Hare)
Wednesday 14 th July 2021	Year 3 Herring Green Farm Falconry Centre visit (Mole and Squirrel)
Date to be confirmed	Year 7 Reunion
Friday 16 th July 2021	End of term
Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Children return to school

June's value of the month RESPECT